# LDMS TROJAN TIMES

# **APRIL 2021**

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear LDMS Families,

March was an excellent month at LDMS. It was wonderful to have students back in the building and we were able to do several things to keep school fun. We had a fantastic PTA sponsored night at Hull's Drive-In, a cereal drive for RARA, and we celebrated Music in Our Schools Month with a daily "Name that Tune," competition and spirit dress-up days. Now that April has arrived, it is time for a well-deserved Spring Break before SOLs and the final stretch. I am proud of what our students have accomplished, and I know we will finish the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter strong! Have an excellent Spring Break!

Go Trojans!

# LDMS SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

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#### **SOLs**

At the end of April, we will begin administering Virginia Standards of Learning Tests. Please make note of the days your child will be testing. In-person learners will take their SOL test in their pods. They will take the test on their scheduled test day on their school-issued Chromebooks. It is imperative that your child come to school on those days with her or his Chromebook fully charged with the charger. Virtual learners will come into the school building with their fully charged Chromebooks for their SOL tests on the designated Fridays. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## Pick-Up and Drop Off

To help with traffic patterns and safety, please use the loop in front of the school's main entrance to pick up and drop off students and refrain from picking up and dropping off students along Diamond Street.

#### **Materials Pick-Up for Virtual Students**

Materials for virtual students for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter will be available for drive-through pick-up on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 at the LDMS main entrance. If you are unable to pick up materials at this time, please stop by the LDMS office between April 13<sup>th</sup> and-April 15<sup>th</sup> and pick up materials for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

#### **Book Fair**

We will host a Book Fair in our library from April 19-22. The book fair is an important event to raise money for our library and to provide students with books. All students will have an opportunity to visit the book fair. Unfortunately, we can not allow outside visitors to attend this year's book fair due to our COVID mitigation policy. Please visit <a href="https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ldms">https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ldms</a> to see what our book fair has to offer.



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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 2: Asynchronous Learning Day (Not a Teacher Workdsy)

April 5-9: Spring Break

April 12: Start of 4th Quarter

April 19: Report Card Distribution

April 19-22: Book Fair

April 23: Writing 8 SOL Part I (Virtual Students Only)

April 27-28: Writing 8 SOL (In-Person Students)

April 30: Writing 8 SOL Part II (Virtual Students Only)

May 10: Interims Sent Home

May 13: Math 8/Algebra I SOL

May 14: Math SOLs (Virtual Students)

May 17: Reading 6 & Science 7 SOL

May 18: Math 7 SOL, Science 8 SOL

May 19: Math 7 SOL

May 20: Civics SOL, Reading 8 SOL

May 21: Science 7 & 8 SOL (Virtual Students)

May 24: World History SOL

May 25: Reading 7 SOL

May 28 Social Studies SOL (Virtual Students)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: TBD

June 4: Last Day of School

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